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AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

In reply to the March 17, 2003, Advisory Action, and after entry of the February 20, 2003, Amendment After Final Rejection, please further amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 50 and 54-56 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 1 and 9 as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) A method of repressing expression of a coding sequence of interest in a transgenic plant, comprising:
 - a) introducing into a plant:
 - i) a first chimeric nucleotide sequence comprising a first regulatory element in operative association with said coding sequence of interest, and a controlling sequence; and